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## **GET YOUR CHRISTMAS GOOSE BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!**

Parks and Wildlife officers will continue to patrol waterfowl hunting areas for the last few days of the 2005 Waterfowl Hunting Season which finishes on Friday, Acting Parks and Wildlife Minister Kon Vatskalis said today.

Patrols will include all the hunting reserves such as Shoal Bay, Lambell's Lagoon, Howard Swamps, and Harrison Dam.

Particular focus will be taken on people using lead shot, not having hunting permits, taking excess bags of waterfowl or shooting protected species.

Mr Vatskalis said most hunters have abided by the rules this season, however he urged hunters to continue to heed regulations.

"Hunters must remember to have their waterfowl permits on them while hunting on reserves, and must also remember not to exceed bag limits," he said

Mr Vatskalis also reminded hunters to also uphold ethics by remaining well clear of other hunters and not shooting in the direction of others.

He said hunters using dogs to retrieve shot waterfowl should not retrieve other hunters' game nor interfere with other wildlife.

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